REMARKS

Claims 10-15, and 17-31 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 19-24 are allowed and that the patentability of claims 14, 16 and 18 is maintained.

In an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants amend the claims as follows.

Claims 10 and 25 are amended to include the patentable subject matter of claim 16, and claim 16 is canceled accordingly. Thus, claims 10-13, 15, 17 and 25 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 is rewritten into independent form, thereby placing claim 18, and claim 14 which depends therefrom, in condition for allowance.

New claims 26-31, which depend from claim 25, are added to further protect the invention. These claims correspond to claims 11, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 14, respectively. These claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 25.

Finally, claims 10, 19 and 25 are amended to correct clerical errors. These changes are supported by the originally filed drawings and specification. *For example*, see Figs. 1 and 2, and pages 10 and 16.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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